Article in the Mahati regarding the Central Bank.

676. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether an article under the caption "ഭരണഭദ്രതയും ബാങ്കും" in the Mahati dated 12th Kumbham 1104 has been brought to their notice;

(2) what action did the Government take regarding the allegation that no meeting of the Central Bank was announced in spite of the Registrar requesting the bank authorities to hold one in pursuance of the order of the Diwan;

(3) have the Government held any enquiry regarding the other allegations in the article; (4) if so, with what result, and if not, whether they would hold an enquiry now?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) None.

(3) and (4) An enquiry is being held.

Price and yield of land in Chittur.

677. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Grvernment be pleased to state: —

(a) the market price of an acre of cultivated land of average fertility in the Chittur Taluk (both in the irrigated and unirrigated parts);

(b) what the average yield per acre of such lands and what the assessments?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Vide statement appended. (*Appendix IX.*)

Family pensioners in the State.

678. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—(a) Why one Mr. Balaji Rao's family in Chittur is given a pension in perpetuity and who the recipient of the same at present;

(b) how many such families are there in and outside Cochin receiving perpetual pension from the Darbar and the total amount spent on them every year;

(c) when was the oldest of them begun and to whom;

(d) whether the recipients have absolute property over them; i. e., whether they have unrestricted powers of alienation;

(e) if the answer to clause (d) be in the negative, under what legal category have they been placed?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(a) The origin of the grant is not clear as it is lost in obscurity. The grant is a purely personal one. The pension represents the commuted value of 360 *paras* of paddy allowed to the original assignee and noted as a'ease of *Vakaneekkipirivuchilavu* in the pre-settlement Revenue Accounts.

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(b) There are 38 families receiving perpetual pension from the Darbar. The total pension amounts to Rs. 11,383-6-4 per annum.

(c) The information is not available.

(d) They are inalienable.

(e) The question is not understood.

Tenders for the ferry between Cochin and Ernakulam.

679. മിസ്റ്റർ എ കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—(a) കൊച്ചി എറണാകുളം ബോട്ടസർവ്വീസ്സു നടത്തുവാൻ ആരെല്ലാമാണ് ടക്കാസ്സുകാർ അയച്ചിരുന്നത് എന്നും ഓരോ ടക്കാസ്സിന്റേയും തുക ഇത എന്നും ദയവുചെയ്തു പറയാമൊ;

(b) ഏതു ടക്കാസ്സുകാരനെയാണ് കടത്തു ഏല്പിച്ചതെന്നും പറയുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമൊ?

മിസ്റ്റർ യു. കണ്ടർ മേനോൻ.—

	ടക്കാസുകാർ	തുക
എ.	ഇസ്മയിൽഹാജി ഇസ്റ്റാസേട്ട് & കമ്പനി	രൂ. 5,000
ബി.	മലബാർ നാവിഗേഷൻ ആൻഡ് ഇൻഡസ്ട്രിയൽസിന വേണ്ടി കിസ്സാ മുസ്സാ സേട്ട്	രൂ. 4,500
സി.	ഫെറി ആൻഡ് ട്രാൻസ്പോർട്ട സർവ്വീസിനുവേണ്ടി എസ്സ്. എസ്സ്. കോഡർ	രൂ. 1,500

(b) സി-ാം ടക്കാസ്സുകാരനെ രൂ. 4500 രൂ. കടത്തു ഏൽപ്പിച്ചു.

Stoppage of work in laboratories for want of water.

680. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether practical work in the Ernakulam College had to be stopped for want of water; if so, how long?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Yes. For about 3 weeks, since the Town water supply was made intermittent. This affected the Chemistry Laboratory most since no work could be done without an adequate supply of water. Work in the Physics and Natural Science Laboratories was also affected to a certain extent.

Kodungallur Bharani.

681. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it has received representations urging upon it to take immediate steps for stopping the singing of obscene songs and the slaughter of fowls on the occasion of the Kodungallur Bharani;

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